

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE JUDICIARY, LAW ENFORCEMENT & CRIMINAL JUSTICE
STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 250, Utah State Capitol

March 3, 2014

Members Present: Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Chair
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Luz Robles
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart
Sen. Todd Weiler

Members Absent: Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard

Staff Present: Mr. Nathan Brady, Policy Analyst
Ms. Nancy Skidmore, Committee Secretary

NOTE: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 4:28 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Weiler and Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

S.B. 256 Asset Forfeiture Amendment (*Sen. H. Stephenson*)

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Jim Bradshaw, Attorney
Chad Platt, Deputy District Attorney, Statewide
Association of Prosecutors

Spoke for the bill: Brian Allfry, Utah Press Association
Dave Duncan
Dan Deuel, Legislative Liaison, Weber County 9/12 Project
Connor Boyack, President, Libertas Institute

MOTION: Sen. Urquhart moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Robles absent for the vote.

H.B. 301 Concealed Weapon Permit for Servicemembers (*Rep. V. Peterson*)

Rep. Peterson explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Madsen asked Sen. Thatcher to chair the meeting.

S.B. 259 Victim Reparations Fund Amendments (*Sen. M. Madsen*)

Sen. Madsen explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Ron Gordon, Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
 Representative Hutchings

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Thatcher relinquished the chair to Sen. Madsen.

S.B. 260 Sex Offender and Kidnap Offender Registration Amendments (*Sen. D. Thatcher*)

Sen. Thatcher explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 279 Judiciary Interim Committee Sunset Provisions (*Rep. K. McIff*)

Rep. McIff explained the bill to the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 325 Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission Amendments (*Rep. E. Hutchings*)

Rep. Hutchings explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Joanne Slotnik, Executive Director, Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission

Spoke for the bill: Rick Schwarmer, Utah Courts

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

H.B. 323 Divorce Orientation Course Timing (*Rep. J. Nielson*)

Sen. Madsen explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Alan Hawkins, Teacher, Divorce Orientation Course
Rick Schwarmer, Utah Courts
Stewart Ralph, Director, Legal Aid Society
Representative Nielson

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Roblez and Sen. Urquhart voting in opposition.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Madsen adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Chair